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Title: Need to review the decision to auction 12 marginal oil fields in Assam.

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI (KALIABOR): The mandate of the current government in Assam was the protection of Jati (Nation), Mati (Land) and Bheti (Resources). Oil has been one of the most precious resources of the State. The decision of the Central Government to auction 12 marginal oil fields is a betrayal of the slogan of Jati, Mati and Bheti. Through this policy, the Central government has ignored the historical sentiments of the people of Assam. The auction policy only benefits private and foreign companies who are unlikely to share any significant revenues with the state or focus on hiring local people. This decision has created a huge gap in the relationship between the government both Central and State. Broadening this gap is the refusal of the Central Government to pay Rs. 10,000 crore that it owed to the state of Assam towards oil royalties.